

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

_____day _____, 2013

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING
FEBRUARY 01, 2013 AS “START BY BELIEVING DAY”**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, the County of San Luis Obispo shares a critical concern for victims of sexual violence and desire to support their needs for justice and healing; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the San Luis Obispo Sheriff’s Office received a total of 26 reports of rape or attempted rape, and the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention (SARP) Center served the needs of county victims during 422 crisis interventions, 219 peer counseling sessions and 107 forensic exams, law enforcement interviews, or other proceedings; and

WHEREAS, research estimates that as many as 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men will become the victims of rape or attempted rape, yet most will not report the crime to law enforcement, and rapists who are not detected by authorities will perpetrate an average of 6 crimes; and

WHEREAS, research documents that victims are far more likely to disclose their sexual assault to a friend or family member and when these loved ones respond with doubt, shame, or blame, victims suffer additional negative effects on their physical and psychological well-being; and

WHEREAS, the *Start by Believing* public awareness campaign is designed to improve the responses of friends, family members and community professionals, so they can help victims to access supportive resources and engage the criminal justice system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby support the Start by Believing public awareness campaign and declare February 1st, 2013 as “START BY BELIEVING DAY” throughout the County of San Luis Obispo, California.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and

on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted:

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

[SEAL]

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)
) ss.
County of San Luis Obispo,)

I, _____, County Clerk and ex-officio
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, State of
California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order
made by the Board of Supervisors, as the same appears spread upon their minute book.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board of Supervisors, affixed this
_____day of _____, 20____

County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board
of Supervisors

(SEAL)

By _____
Deputy Clerk